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Conduct of executions in jails.

* 691 *Q.*—Rao Sahib R. SRINIVASAN: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state by whom executions in jails are conducted, whether by professional hangmen or by convicts under the supervision of jailors?

A.—Information has been called for.

Hiring out of prisoners to private individuals, etc.

* 692 *Q.*—Rao Sahib R. SRINIVASAN: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether Government propose to discontinue the practice of hiring out prisoners to private individuals, municipalities and other departments except Public Works Department?

A.—No.

Increase in pulmonary tuberculosis in jails.

* 693 *Q.*—Rao Sahib R. SRINIVASAN: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the cause of increase in pulmonary tuberuclosis in jails; and

(*b*) whether Government propose to take urgent measures to establish a tuberculosis jail?

A.—(*a*) There is no such increase.

(*b*) The Government have already sanctioned the construction of a separate tuberculosis jail at Bellary.

Religious and moral instruction in jails.

* 694 *Q.*—Rao Sahib R. SRINIVASAN: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether Government propose to engage religious and moral instructors on fixed salary or remuneration to attend jails weekly?

A.—No.

Collectorates

Institution of a 'Black list' by the Collector of Kurnool.

* 695 *Q.*—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the District Collector of Kurnool has instituted a 'Black list';

(*b*) what the nature of offence is that brings an employee on to this list; and

(*c*) whether black-marks and warnings are being freely awarded to clerks for such trivial offences as omitting dotting of i's or dashing of t's?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The hon. Member is referred to Board's Standing Order No. 132. The Collector is presumably maintaining, under this standing order, a conduct register in which entries of black-marks and good services are made.

(*c*) The Government have no reason to suppose that the fact is as suggested.